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Letter dated 21 May 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I refer to my letter of 18 October 2002, in which I informed you of my decision to donate my share of the Nobel Peace Prize award for the purpose of establishing a United Nations Nobel Peace Prize Memorial Fund to support the education of the children of United Nations staff members who have given their lives in the service of peace. I sought your concurrence to my proposal that the Organization's share be used in the same way.

I refer also to your letter of 27 March 2003, in which you indicated that you had already, in your personal capacity, fully endorsed my proposal, and that you had conducted consultations on the matter with members of the General Committee of the General Assembly. You requested that I prepare a brief formal report for submission to the General Assembly for its consideration.

Please find the report requested in the annex to the present letter.

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Annex

United Nations Nobel Peace Prize Memorial Fund

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the concurrence of the General Assembly regarding the disposition of the United Nations portion of the Nobel Peace Prize, which was awarded in 2001, in two equal parts, to the United Nations as such and to its Secretary-General for our work for a more peaceful world. The Nobel Peace Prize comes with a financial award of approximately $1 million.

2. I firmly believe that the dedicated staff of the Organization have made the United Nations worthy of the Nobel Peace Prize, and that it would be appropriate to use the entire award for those who have made the greatest sacrifice by giving their lives for the cause of peace.

3. To that effect, I propose to establish a United Nations Nobel Peace Prize Memorial Fund for the receipt and administration of the proceeds of the Nobel Peace Prize. The purpose of the Fund would be to provide financial assistance for the education of children of United Nations civilian personnel who have been killed in the line of duty in the service of peace. The Fund, which would function as a special account under the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, could also receive and administer further contributions made for the same purpose.

4. I hope that the General Assembly will concur with my proposal that the United Nations Nobel Peace Prize Memorial Fund receive the full amount of the Nobel Peace Prize award.